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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Applicants filed an Amendment After Final on November 13, 2003, in the above-identified application. To date, no Advisory Action has been received from the Examiner. Since no communication has been forthcoming in response to the Amendment After Final filed on November 13, 2003, and in order to keep this case alive, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal, together with a Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time and requisite fees on February 13, 2004.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Office advise Applicants' counsel of the status of this application as soon as possible, and before the due date for filing an Appeal Brief, *i.e.*, April 13, 2004, in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required.

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